



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 3724

Confirmation No.: 1215

Examiner: Phong H. Nguyen

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For: STRUCTURE FOR PROCESSING A TERMINAL OF A FLAT CABLE

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the telephonic interview conducted between Ruthleen E. Uy, Examiner Phong H. Nguyen and Supervisory Patent Examiner Allen Shoap on July 24, 2003:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was sent via facsimile on July 24, 2003 and mailed July 25, 2003.

During the interview, the following was discussed: Examiner's interpretation of claim 1.

1. Identification of claims discussed: primarily claim 1.
2. Identification of art discussed: The applied reference Grubb.
3. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Applicant's representative requested clarification with respect to the Examiners' rejection of claim 1 in view of Grubb. In particular, Applicant's representative indicated that a connector, as claimed in claim 1, is not described in

Grubb. The Examiners stated that a cutting device and not a connector is being claimed in claim 1, therefore the rejection was appropriate.

4. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Applicant's representative indicated that upon reading the specification and upon viewing the figures, it is apparent that a connector, and not a cutting device, is being claimed.

5. Results of Interview: The Examiners indicated that they believe that their interpretation of claim 1 is appropriate, however, their interpretation is open to clarification.

6. Examiner's Interview Summary: The Examiners' Interview Summary indicates that the Applicant did not provide any evidence that the Examiner's interpretation could not be correct based on the submitted specification and claims. Applicant's representative would bring to the Examiners' attention that during the interview, Applicant's representative directed the Examiners to passages in the specification pertaining to the connector and that the specification fully supports the claims as filed.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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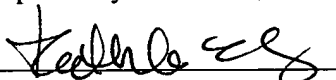
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